

## Belgrave Primary School October Newsletter 2017

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Belgrave,

Thank you to all those parents who attended the Year Group Meetings that have been held over the past few weeks. If you were unable to attend packs of information have been sent home and been put under the Year Group pages of the website. Please call in after school or make an appointment if you have any questions.

There will be further workshops for Reception parents who will have a session dedicated to how you can help with reading at home on the 23<sup>rd</sup> October at 6:30pm. There will also be a Reception Family Learning Phonics Workshop on the 9<sup>th</sup> November at 9:00am. Reception parents will have received notification about this as they need to book a place. This session is during the first week after the half term holiday.

The Harvest Festival Celebrations will be on the 20<sup>th</sup> October and we are looking forward to seeing you there. The Reception, Year 1 and 2 Assembly will be at 9:30am in the morning and the Junior Assembly will be at 2:30pm. This year we are collecting donations for Alder Hey Children's Hospital as this hospital is close to our hearts at the moment as we have a child in Year 3 who is currently receiving treatment for Acute Lymphoblastic Leukaemia (ALL) there. We are keeping in touch and sending all of our get well wishes.

### Grounds Morning

This Saturday is our Family Grounds Morning. We start at 9:30am and finish at 12:00 noon. This is a great event for getting to know people and working alongside others whilst making an impact on the school environment. Mrs Amner will be running a craft workshop in the Reception workspace which is always popular. Please bring your own tools, wheel barrows (named if possible) and gardening gloves. We do have a box of children's gloves and some tools. A few photos from our last Grounds Morning to give you an idea of what we get up to!



Your help is appreciated; if you are unable to attend donations of bulbs, seeds and plants would be great! I have heard that B&Q are currently selling plants at half price. The current job list is as follows:

- Pruning
- Collecting apples that are by the gate on the field
- Washing the white fence around the little house
- Painting the Bee Hive (story shed)
- Weeding and planting up the flower bed by the wood
- Re-laying play bark on play areas.

We will put up the list on a whiteboard and people just choose when they arrive. Your help makes such a difference to every child and the whole school community. We are very grateful to the PTA who come along and provide bacon butties, cakes and biscuits and drinks.

### **Chris Matheson MP visited Belgrave on the 29<sup>th</sup> September 2017**

We invited Chris Matheson to school as we wanted him to see our inclusive learning environment and to take part in a meeting with the pupils who are representing "Children's Voice" in school. Chris Matheson walked around the school and saw all the children working. Then he met the Year 1 to 5 pupil representatives who were deciding how to spend the Sports Premium grant, thinking about jobs needed for Grounds Day and discussing what the school needs to ask the PTA to help us raise funds for.



The children asked Chris Matheson about his previous jobs, how long he had been an MP, whether he liked the role and what football team he supports.

### **Flu Immunisation ~ Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2017**

Immunisation Nurses from the NHS will administer the flu vaccine to all pupils in Reception to Year 4 unless they have been informed otherwise. If your child becomes unwell within a few days before the 25<sup>th</sup> you will need to inform the immunisation team on 0151 488 8498 or email [cwp.schoolnursingservice@nhs.net](mailto:cwp.schoolnursingservice@nhs.net)

## Healthy School Week

This was a great success. Thank you to Mrs Redmond for organising this and to staff and parents for embracing this exciting event. We have received positive feedback and the children mentioned this event to Chris Matheson MP.



## Sports Opportunities

### Girls' Football

- Wildcats taster sessions for ages 5-11 (<http://community.chesterfc.com/programmes/coaching/wildcats-girls-football-centres/>)
- New Chester and District Girls'Football:

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Some photos of the Year 6 residential which gives children the chance to take part in adventurous outdoor activities.



## PTA

Thank you PTA for a great newsletter, Welcome Back Event and interesting AGM and first meeting on the 12<sup>th</sup> September. The committee is as follows:

Chair: Tracey Casey



Vice Chairs: Kate Smith and Lucy Grattan



Treasurer: Sian Clark



Secretary: Nic York



The total donated to school in 2016-17 was 12K. The PTA have funded all the interactive screens throughout school and contributed approximately £75.00 towards the cost of each Yr 6 child's residential. This year we will be asking the PTA to help us with funding equipment outdoors, replacing IT equipment and supporting the Year 6 residential.

Please help us raise funds with no extra cost by registering with easy fund raising.



### **Belgrave's After School Club: Health and Safety**

We are making a few changes to the club as we are finding that people are not booking and paying ahead for places. You will not be charged for places not taken if you cancel before 12 noon on the day. I'm sure you will agree that this is very reasonable.

It is essential that the register is accurate for your child's safety. If we do not know who is going to be attending After School Club we can not plan staffing. The new form on the website has: **Help us plan and prepare** in bold as this is very important.

If you need a place during the day please contact us and we will do our best to accommodate your request.

## School Money

Please keep your school money account in **credit** for lunches and clubs. This will ensure that reminders are kept to a minimum.

## Hometime Arrangements – Reminder

Please let us know in writing or via email if you have changed your end of the day arrangements regarding the collection of your child from school.

## Year 4 Enjoying The First Access Music Programme

Last week Year 4 children received their instruments and it was all very exciting. The contracts need to be signed and returned before the instruments can go home. The first 10 lessons are funded by a grant through the Music Service. School has bought the brass, woodwind and percussion instruments and funds the remaining 28 lessons.



## Presentation by QPHS to Year 6

On Friday prizes were awarded to three lucky pupils following their visit to the Queen's Park High School Open Day.



The lucky pupils received vouchers for Pizza Express and a set of books which were presented to them by Mrs Scanlon from Queen's Park High School.

Kind regards

Deanne Garratt  
Headteacher

**DATES  
2017-18**

**October**

Sat 14 <sup>th</sup>	Family Grounds Day 9.30am – 12.00 midday
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup>	Harvest Festival 9.30am Rec/KS1 & 2.30pm KS2- Families are invited to attend
Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Reception Reading Workshop for parents 6.30pm
Thur 26 <sup>th</sup>	Halloween Disco 5.30pm – 6.30pm Reception/KS1 6.45pm – 7.45pm KS2

**Half Term 30<sup>th</sup> October to 3<sup>rd</sup> November**

**November**

Tue 7 <sup>th</sup>	Tempest Individual Photos 8.00am
Thur 9 <sup>th</sup>	Reception Parents Family Learning – ‘phonics’ session with children 9.00am – 10.00am
<b>Mon 13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Year 3 Wildlife Trust Workshop*</b>
<b>Tue 14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Year 2 Wildlife Trust Workshop*</b>
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup>	Children in Need
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup>	PTA Pamper Night – provisional TBC
<b>Tue 21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Year 4 Wildlife Trust Workshop*</b>
Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Year 5 Curriculum Challenge Day @ QPHS
Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Year 6 Curriculum Challenge Day @ CCHS
Mon 27 <sup>th</sup>	Reception/KS1 Parents’ Appointments 1.30pm – 5.30pm
Tue 28 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 Parents’ Appointments 1.30pm – 5.30pm
Wed 29 <sup>th</sup>	All Years Parents’ Appointments 3.30pm – 7.00pm

**December**

Fri 8 <sup>th</sup>	PTA Christmas Fair
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup>	Reception/KS1 Play ~ full rehearsal 9.45am
Tue 12 <sup>th</sup>	Reception/KS1 Play 1.45pm
Thur 14 <sup>th</sup>	Reception/KS1 Play 9.30am
Thur 14 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 Carols 6.30pm
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 Carols 9.30am
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 Carols 6.30pm
Tue 19 <sup>th</sup>	Party Day/Panto

**21<sup>st</sup> December**

**Last Day of Term**

**January 2018**

Mon 8 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3/4 Judo 5 week course
Fri 26 <sup>th</sup>	Key Strings performing for children
Fri 26 <sup>th</sup>	PTA Quiz Night

**February**

Mon 26 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5/6 Judo 5 week course
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**March**

Thur 1 <sup>st</sup>	Year 5 Curriculum Challenge Day CCHS
Wed 7 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 Residential Pre-meeting 6.00pm
Mon 12 <sup>th</sup>	Reception/KS1 Parents’ Appointments 1.30pm – 5.30pm
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Thur 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Fri 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Sat 24<sup>th</sup>  
Tue 27<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>

PTA Disco  
Non Uniform Day – Rainbow Raffle  
Family Grounds Day 9.30am – 12.00 midday  
Year 5 Residential visit to Conway

### **April**

Tue 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>  
Mon 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Fri 27<sup>th</sup>

Year 4 Residential visit to Tattenhall  
Tempest – photos of Class Groups  
PTA Here Comes Summer! Rainbow Raffle Draw

### **May**

During May  
Week beg. Mon 14<sup>th</sup>  
Thurs 17<sup>th</sup>

KS1 SATs  
KS2 SATs  
Year 3 Residential Pre-meeting 6.00pm

### **June**

Wed 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>  
Week beg. 11<sup>th</sup>  
Wed 13<sup>th</sup>  
Sat 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Fri 29<sup>th</sup>

Year 3 Residential visit to Beeston  
Phonics Screening Check  
Year 5 Curriculum Challenge Day QPHS  
Year 2 Midsummer Watch Parade TBC  
Day and Evening Golden Anniversary Celebration of 50 years of School Education

### **July**

Tue 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Fri 6<sup>th</sup>  
Mon 9<sup>th</sup>  
Tue 10<sup>th</sup>  
Wed 11<sup>th</sup>  
Mon 16<sup>th</sup>  
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Wed 18<sup>th</sup>  
**Fri 20<sup>th</sup>**

Year 6 Transition Day QPHS & CCHS  
Afternoon performance KS2 Play 1.45pm performance  
Year 6 Bikeability All Week  
KS2 Play 6.30pm Performance  
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Open Afternoon 3.20pm – 6.00pm  
Reception/KS1 assembly for Parents 9.30am  
Year 6 Presentation for Parents 2.15pm  
Year 6 Leavers Disco  
Year 6 Fun Day  
**Last Day of Term**